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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE RAY SOCIETY,

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE APARTMENTS
OF THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, BURLINGTON HOUSE,
10TH MARCH, 1921;

PROF. W. C. MCINTOSH, M.D., LL.D., D.Sc., F.R.S.L.&E., ETC.,
PRESIDENT,
IN THE CHAIR.

THE Council are glad to be able to report an increase in the amount received from subscriptions during 1920, but would call the attention of members to the urgent need for a large increase in the number of subscribers if the Society is to avoid the alternative of raising the rate of subscription or restricting the annual output of publications.

Two volumes have been issued during the year—Vol. I of the ‘British Charophyta’ by Mr. James Groves and Canon Bullock-Webster to subscribers for 1917, and ‘British Orthoptera’ by Mr. W. J. Lucas to those for 1919. In addition, the coloured plates for Vol. III, Pt. 2, of the ‘British Marine Annelids,’ having been at length received from Germany, were issued to subscribers for 1916.

The fifth and concluding volume of the ‘British Freshwater Rhizopoda and Heliozoa’ by Mr. G. H. Wailes, due to subscribers for 1918, was in the binders’ hands at the end of the year, and the first part of the fourth volume of Prof. McIntosh’s ‘British Marine Annelids’ had been sent to the printers, and will form the issue for 1920. The Council have learned with gratification that the Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland and the Royal Society have made substantial grants towards the cost of publication of Prof. McIntosh’s work.

The Council have received with much regret the resignation, on the ground of failing health, of Mr. A. D. Michael, a former Vice-President and one of the Trustees for the Society's investments. The Treasurer, the Secretary and Sir David Prain have been appointed to act as Trustees.

In view of complaints that have been received, the Council have decided that in future Rule II of the Society shall be strictly interpreted to mean that not more than one copy of any work published by the Society shall be sold to any one member at the reduced or subscription price.

The arrangement mentioned in the last Report, for storing the Society's stock of publications in the Natural History Museum, has now been carried out, and one of the clerks in the Museum has been appointed to act as storekeeper under the supervision of the Secretary.

The Council note with pleasure that, since their last Report, the Treasurer of the Society, Dr. S. F. Harmer, has been honoured by His Majesty with the title of Knight Commander of the British Empire; also that the name of the Secretary, Dr. W. T. Calman, appears on the current list of candidates recommended for election to the Fellowship of the Royal Society.

The Council recommend that the Rt. Hon. Lord Rothschild, F.R.S., be elected a Vice-President in place of Sir David Prain, F.R.S., retiring by seniority; that Sir David Prain, Mr. E. E. Green, F.E.S., and Mr. Chas. Oldham, F.L.S., be elected members of Council in place of Mr. E. A. Bowles, Dr. Chapman and Dr. Longstaff, retiring; that Prof. W. C. McIntosh, F.R.S., Sir Sidney F. Harmer, F.R.S., and Dr. W. T. Calman be re-elected President, Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

The thanks of the Society are due to the Council of the Geological Society for the continuance of the privilege of holding the meetings in their rooms; and to the Auditors, Mr. C. H. Bestow, Mr. C. D. Soar, Mr. H. Taverner and Mr. J. Wilson.

An account of receipts and expenditure for the year is appended.

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